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SUBJ: INFRASTRUCTURE SLICE XXVI SCREENING

WE REQUIRE GUIDANCE FOR NEXT SCREENING SESSION OF THE INFRA-
STRUCTURE COMMITTEE ON 16 SEPT 75 ON FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:

A. SACLANT SERIAL 16, MESSING FACILITIES, HVALFJORDUR, ICELAND.
IN THE FACE OF PERSISTENT RELUCTANCE BY MOST COUNTRIES TO APPROVE
THIS ITEM AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE NORMAL INFRASTRUCTURE RULES,
WE HAVE EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF A NATO/US COST SHARING.
WE HAD SOME INDICATION THAT A 50/50 COST SHARING MIGHT GAIN
ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT AND WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED
THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD SUPPORT A LUMP SUM NATO
CONTRIBUTION OF IAU 60,000. PLEASE ADVISE IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE
TO ARGUE FOR FULL FUNDING OR IF SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF THE
ABOVE COMPROMISE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE US.

B. SHAPE SERIAL 211, DEGAUSSING RANGE, AUGUSTA, ITALY. COST
ESTIMATES (DEVELOPED FOR THE ITALIAN NAVY BY A US FIRM) HAVE BEEN
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STEADILY ESCALATING WHILE USER INTEREST HAS APPARENTLY
BEEN WANING. AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY,
25 JULY 75, THE UK REP STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT UK COMMITMENT
TO OPERATE MINESWEEPERS IN THE MED HAD CEASED AND THEREFORE THERE

WAS NO UK INTEREST IN AUGUSTA. SHAPE ALSO STATED THAT THE US
HAD EXPRESSED NO INTEREST SINCE WE HAVE FACILITIES AVAILABLE
AT ROTA. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS IN FACT THE CASE AND IF THE
US CAN AGREE TO DEFERRAL OF PROJECT CONSIDERATION TO SLICE XXVII.
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